

FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Giant Forest Sequoia Grove

6400' (1950m) elevation. This grove is the home of the world's biggest trees. It offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking and ski trails. See highlights, page 6, and traffic-delay information (back page).

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Opening date in May, depends on snow (Lodgepole Visitor Center open year-round). No payphone; closest are at Lodgepole & Wolverton (don't rely on cell phones).
- **Giant Forest Shuttle - Spring Service (NPS):** Operating April 16-May 1, from 10am to approximately 4pm, from Wuksachi to Lodgepole to the Sherman Tree. See bulletin boards for details.

Crystal Cave

A major park highlight! Tours start May 14, weather permitting. Buy tickets well in advance at Foothills and Lodgepole visitor centers only (not at the cave), up to one day before the tour. www.sequoiahhistory.org

Lodgepole Village

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 & the map on page 12.

INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 9am-4:30pm. *Bears of the Sierra* movie; exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps. Pay phone. 1-559-565-4436. **Wilderness permits**, required for overnight trips, self-issued outside to the left of the front door of the visitor center. Details on page 4. 1-559-565-3766.

FOOD, OTHER SERVICES - Openings weather dependent

- **Market, Gift Shop, & Laundry (DNCPR):** Opens 4/15. Daily 9am-6pm. Groceries, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, ice cream, film, souvenirs. Last laundry load in 1 hour before closing.
- **Snack Bar (DNCPR):** Opens 4/30 weekends only 9am-6pm.
- **Showers (DNCPR):** Opens 4/30. Daily 9am-1pm & 3-5:45pm.
- **Post Office:** Year-round. Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. See page 11.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside visitor center & market (cell-phone signals are usually poor).

Wilderness Camp

BEARPAW MEADOW HIGH SIERRA CAMP

(DNCPR) Opens mid-June, weather permitting. A tent hotel at 7800' elevation on the High Sierra Trail, an 11-mile hike from Giant Forest. Reservations required: 1-888-252-5757. www.visitsequoia.com

Foothills Area

1300-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm through 5/26, then 8am-6pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid. Local wilderness permits self-issued outside visitor center through 5/26/11. 1-559-565-4212.
- **Camping (NPS):** At Potwisha. Details on page 11.
- **Pay Telephones** (cell phone signals are usually poor): Foothills Visitor Center near front door; Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Mineral King Area

Road to this area opens May 27, weather permitting.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, twisting road. No RVs, buses, or trailers, please. No electricity or gasoline.

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Opens Friday, May 27, 8am-4pm. Until then, self-register for wilderness permits on the porch. Check there for schedules of free ranger-led programs. 1-559-565-3768.
- **Pay Telephones:** Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area. Cell phone signals are usually poor.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Open 5/27. Cabins, chalets, showers, small store (gifts, supplies, ice, **no gasoline**, no fishing licenses). Pay telephone. 1-559-561-3223; www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

Wuksachi Lodge & Dining

7200' (2160 m) elevation. DNCPR: Year-round lodging & food service in Sequoia 4 miles (6.4 km) north of Sherman Tree.

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNCPR) and the National Park Foundation make it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to these parks. Ask about the Guest Donation Program when you check in!

- **Dining Room:** Daily 7:30am-9:30pm, 11:30am-2:30pm, 5-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 1-559-565-4070. Lounge 5-8:30pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm. Souvenirs, clothing, crafts.
- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 10 for details. Front desk 24 hours.
- **Pay Telephones:** At main lodge. Cell-phone signals are poor.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Join us for ranger-led walks, talks, and campfire programs! Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and meeting locations.

IN THE FOOTHILLS

Join us at locations throughout the foothills. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and meeting locations.

IN GIANT FOREST & LODGEPOLE

Rangers usually offer walks and talks on weekends & holidays.



FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Village Area

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm through 5/26, then 8am-6pm. Exhibits, movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until 1/2 hour before closing. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD, LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Daily 9am-2pm & 5-8pm.
- **Gift Shop, Market & Ski Rental (KCPS):** Daily 9am-6pm (7pm Friday-Saturday). Souvenirs, clothing, ATM. Food, supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, emergency gasoline, snow play gear. Cross-country skis/snow shoes rented if enough snow is on the ground. See page 6 for snow-play information. Showers reopen 5/26.
- **Camping & Lodging:** Lodge desk 7am-10pm. See page 10-11.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Pay Telephones:** Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door) & outside gift shop & market. Cell phone signals are poor.

Cedar Grove Village in the Kings Canyon

Road to this area opens April 29, weather permitting.

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Opens 5/26. Daily 9am-5pm. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Self-issue through 5/26, then 7am-3pm daily.

FOOD, LODGING & OTHER SERVICES - Opens May 12

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Starting 5/12, weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm. Lunch supplies available at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market (KCPS):** Opens 5/12. Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs. 8am-7pm.
- **Camping & Lodging:** See pages 10-11. Lodge opens 5/12.
- **Showers:** Opens 5/12, 8am-1pm & 3-6pm.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside lodge & ranger station.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3. Open late spring.

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

Until mid-May, you can pay the required park and forest entrance fee just outside the visitor center. After that, the entrance station at Big Stump opens. Please stop to purchase or show your pass. One fee covers your visit to *both* parks *and* the forest! Construction of a new entrance station on Highway 180 near the park boundary starts this spring. Expect brief delays.

USFS: National Forest & Monument Hume Lake & Big Meadows Areas (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive from the park area of Lodgepole to Grant Grove and from Grant Grove to Cedar Grove.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm, daily starting 5/28 (closed 5/30, 7/4, 9/5). Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Meals 8-9am, noon-1pm, & 6-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities, x-c skiing. 1-800-227-9900; 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Open all year. Facilities on public land open to the public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market & snack shop. North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily 4/29-5/27 tours on the hour 11am-4pm; starting 5/28 10am-5pm. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$6.50; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools/group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Resort (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Opens 5/5. Lodge. Market: 8am-7pm; restaurant 4-6:30pm (open 1 hour later Friday-Saturday). Showers 9am-6pm. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES IN THIS AREA

- At Hume Lake & Stony Creek (USFS permittees) and Kings Canyon Lodge (private facility on private land). See page 3.



FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for details on these and other ranger-led programs.

IN GRANT GROVE:

- Walks or talks may be offered on weekends in April and May. Starting 5/27 - Grant Tree Walks at 10am daily. Starting 6/3 - evening programs nightly at the amphitheater by Azalea Campground. Check locally for times and topics.

IN CEDAR GROVE:

- Walks, talks, and campfire programs begin 5/27!